

**Thank You, Jesus!** (Luke 17:11-19)

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With us being on the verge of thanksgiving I want to give all you dinner preparers some advice. In the common list of everything you normally have for thanksgiving dinner, don't forget anything. When I was a kid, my mother forgot to make the mashed potatoes and for the past 17 years she has been reminded not to forget the potatoes every thanksgiving since. So don't forget anything! Speaking of forgetting it seems as though the world around us is beginning to forget the name of the very holiday itself. Lady at Walmart told me "happy turkey day". You can forget the day and you can forget the turkey and you can even forget the mashed potatoes, but please don't forget to Give thanks. In this account of the 10 lepers we see nine of which that will always be remembered as the ones that forgot to thank Jesus. He had enough to be constantly reminded about mashed potatoes, but He eternally remembers as ones that forget.

I. We can Lead our minds back to Christ in Remembrance (Vs 15c) Remembrance is a huge issue to God. The book of Deut. is a book recording Moses final messages to children.



of Israel, reminding them of what God has done. This keeps

### A. Remember a Defiled Condition (Vs 12b)

Leprosy is a hideous disease that causes to slowly to basically fall to pieces in a long period of time. Huge pus filled sores develop and mangled disfigurement became a way of life. Sin is often equated leprosy. Our sin is a repulsive

### B. Remember a Despised Culpit (Vs 12c)

"from a far off" - Leprosy was a contagious disease. These men were cut off from society from family & from God! Is. 59. I reminds us that our sins have put us in a spiritual leprosy. <sup>(3)</sup> Psalm 15:29 Micah 3:4. We were outside <sup>where we are</sup> covenants of Pra

### C. Remember a Deadly Consequence (Vs 13c)

Leprosy then and now is a death sentence. They were destined to die. As they walked and begged and bandaged they were <sup>4</sup> "walking dead men." Rom 6:23 "the wages..." Jas 1:15 Rom 2:8. The consequence of their <sup>5</sup> "deadly" condition

### D. Remember a Dynamic Conversion (Vs 14)

But in a moment! All this changed. With but a few words from the stranger from Nazareth. They went from death to life. from wretched to well cared, from putrid to pure. Look back with me to the condition

### E. We can Lower our heads before Christ in

Reverence (Vs 16a) The very day of Thanksgiving itself is rooted in thanking God. I wrote a thanksgiving e-mail once wishing every one Happy

1) I forgot to thank Jesus, now that's bad. But I don't want to focus on those that forgot, I want to focus on the one that remembered. Every born again child of God can remember to give praise and thanks giving unto Christ by following the three actions we see in this account of these ten Samaritan lepers here in Luke chapter 17.

2) A leper turned his direction back to Christ remembering all that He had just done.

3) Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Micah 3:4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

4) James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death:

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1) ...for all you have done for yourself. But the child of God focuses attention elsewhere. In gratitude they revere God. Charles E. Jefferson said, "Gratitude is born in hearts that take time to count up past mercies."

2) Lord, thank you for this sink of dirty dishes; we have plenty of food to eat. Thank you for this pile of dirty, stinky laundry; we have plenty of clothes to wear. Thank you for this finger-smudged refrigerator that needs defrosting so badly; it has served us faithfully for many years. It is full of cold drinks and enough leftovers for two or three meals. Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely must be cleaned today; it has baked so many things over the years. Thank you, Lord, even for the slamming screen door. My kids are healthy and able to run and play. Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says, You have richly blessed my family. I shall do them cheerfully and

I shall do them gratefully.

3) Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Ephesians 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

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Thanks giving. Unbelievers tug at our back for all time

### A. In Reverence of His Pity (Vs 14a-b)

The pity and mercy and grace and love that the God of the universe has lavished upon us. These lepers didn't

deserve a second look, but Jesus show them pity and cleansed them. Think upon the uncountable blessings since. I read of this prayer someone wrote recently that said

### B. In Reverence of His Power (Vs 14c) -

This man fell at the feet of Jesus in awe and reverence of his mighty power. This leper had not the power to change his condition in the least little way. He could not reverse the tide of sickness consuming his body. We

ought to reverence and honor God by whose power the crops rise from earth, rains fall from Heaven, <sup>work</sup> strength for

### C. In Reverence of His Person (Vs 13b) -

Jesus, Master! They recognized who Jesus was. 'His is the master - commander' Heb tells us that he is the captain of our salvation. The person of Jesus is the critical part of our thanksgiving to God. Col 3:17

Eph 5:20 Heb 13:15, By Him, In Him, to Him! If you leave out Jesus at thanksgiving, you might as

### III. We can lift our voice to Christ in Rejoicing (Vs 15d, 18a)

This point could get uncomfortable! Some of you all live ever heard out of you are asking asking



(his remembering Kepler didn't silently worship at his feet No

**A. Rejoicing Vocally** (Vs 15d) - This man opened his mouth and said something in an audible hearable voice. When you look at the worship book of the Bible the Psalms. All praise is vocal and visible. Don't tell you worship in your heart. We ought to be vocal like the Bible says for us to worship. It would not hurt you one bit to out loud say amen praise God...

**B. Rejoicing Vehemently** (Vs 15d) - Do you think this man was a little excited. One minute black w/ sin and next min. white as snow pure! I was watching that Extreme make over. Wearing MS. over when emotional crying out Thank you Thank you Thank you! It would do us all good to take the memory break out of our old life and thank God for this

**C. Rejoicing Vertically** (Vs 15d) - This was not a show, not a performance. He didn't bow his head and look at the other ~~9~~ and say look ~~at~~ what a good Baptist I am. This was genuine. Jesus even said so! Vs 18. I've been to meetings where it just was so much worked up and the old Adam keeping it up. <sup>Genuine!</sup> Let our praise be

**IV. Closing** - We get a big turkey each year for work. I put it in the freezer. Carey said, the other day don't let me forget to get the turkey out to thaw. Don't forget to bring Jesus to the forefront daily. Ps 103:1-5 fitting end

- 1) His extreme make over in our lives. I am reminded of Billy Bray. He was a Cornish coal miner who lived a wicked life before God saved him. After his conversion he was never ashamed of His Lord and never got over what the Lord had done for him. His favorite expressions were, "Bless the Lord," "Glory," and "Hallelujah." He said that he named his left foot "Hallelujah" and his right foot "Glory." He said that when he walked down the street, he wanted even his feet to be praising God! He was often criticized for his emotional behavior and constant praise of God. Someone told him if he didn't shut up they were going to seal him in a barrel. He answered, "I'll just shout through the knothole!" He would often answer his critics by saying, "Down here you are a doubter, but up in Heaven you will be a shouter!" It wouldn't hurt any of us to get a little bit of Billy Bray in all of us.
- 2) Psalms 103:1-5 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.